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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
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Dear Supervisors:

**GRANT AWARD FROM QUEENSCARE FOR INPATIENT SERVICES AT RANCHO  
LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER AND AMENDMENT TO  
WOMEN'S HEALTH GRANT (1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Districts) (3 Votes)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

- Accept and delegate to the Director of Health Services to sign a grant award from QueensCare to the Department of Health Services (DHS) for the provision of inpatient services to low-income patients at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center who reside in the QueensCare primary service area. The maximum award under this grant is up to \$2.4 million, for the period of June 4, 2003 until such time as the grant funds are expended.
- Approve an amendment to the existing grant with QueensCare to the Department of Health Services' Office of Women's Health to expand the scope of services covered to include all covered Inpatient Diagnosis-Related Groups, except those in conflict with the Catholic Bishop's directives for the period of June 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Acceptance of this grant will provide \$2.4 million in reimbursement through QueensCare to support services provided at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center to indigent patients who reside in the QueensCare catchment area. It additionally will expand the clinical areas to be reimbursed through the grant to the Office of Women's Health beyond cervical and other reproductive cancers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The QueensCare grant will provide for up to \$2.4 million in revenue for the period of June 4, 2003, through June 30, 2004, to offset the cost of providing inpatient services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center to individuals who reside in the QueensCare catchment area.

The amendment to the Office of Women's Health grant makes the \$1.2 million available to reimburse DHS for the provision of a broader array of services. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Adopted Budget. There is no net County cost associated with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

QueensCare recently approached the Department about providing reimbursement to offset the cost of providing inpatient services to patients at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. There are approximately 84 patients annually residing in the QueensCare catchment area who receive inpatient services at Rancho Los Amigos. This QueensCare service area is identified the following zip codes: 90004, 90005, 90006, 90020, 90026, 90027, 90028, 90029, 90038, and 90057. The scope of services covered under this grant includes all covered inpatient diagnostic related groups, with the exception of those in conflict with the Catholic Bishop's directive.

In September 2001, QueensCare made a grant of \$1.2 million to the Office of Women's Health to provide reimbursement for the provision of invasive cervical cancer treatment at DHS hospitals to women residing in the QueensCare catchment area, for the period of June 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002. The Women's Health grant was amended in October 2002 to extend the term through December 31, 2003, and to add other reproductive cancers, such as uterine, ovarian, vaginal, and fallopian tube cancer, as well as breast cancer to the scope of covered services. QueensCare is amending this grant to expand the scope of services to include all covered inpatient diagnostic related groups, with the exception of those in conflict with the Catholic Bishop's directive.

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Under both of these grants, QueensCare will provide reimbursement for services rendered to indigent patients whose incomes are below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and who are ineligible for other coverage programs, such as Medi-Cal and Medicare.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval and acceptance of the grant award for Rancho Los Amigos and the amendment of the Women's Health grant will assist the Department in meeting the clinical needs of patients who reside in the 10 zip codes that fall into the QueensCare catchment area.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas D. Garthwaite".

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Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
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